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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67528

Noriaki SAITO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/000,364

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Examiner: Duc Truong

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to method (1) or method (2) of claim 1. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes claim 1 is generic. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species I (Method (1) of claim 1) for examination on which claims 1-4 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should be similarly considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to method (2) of claim 1.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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